Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on 28th September 2026 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:
Hannah Chambers Chairperson , Simon Hickling, Ian Briden,Linda Whatling, Jo Turner, Stuart Barrett

In attendance: Hannah Chambers – Chairperson, Simon Hickling, Ian Briden, Jo Turner, Stuart Barrett

30.07.154	Welcome Chairperson welcomed everyone and introduced Jo Howley
	Noted Absence of Cllr Watling
	Councillor Vacancy Unanimous vote of AGREE to Jo Howley being elected.
	No requests for dispensation from councillors.
	Community Governance Review Heather Jackson Head of Electoral Services was in attendance and explained the steps and deadline of CGR and encouraged council to submit their response. The council agreed their stance on submission regarding the parish and surrounding parishes. Response to be submitted before 4th October 23:59.
30.07.156	**Declaration of interest** Cllr Simon Hickling all Deene Estate
30.07.157	**Public open forum** There were no members of the public in attendance
30.07.158	Cllr E Mcdonald was in attendance. An update was provided on how NNC are going to tackle litter in the area and discussed things to think about following CGR and how this could look for the wider ward.
30.07.159	**Neighbourhood plan** Discussed working on neighbourhood plan, Clerk to read through current plan and update where necessary.
30.07.160	**MINUTES** Minutes from 26.05.26 accepted
30.07.161	**Training** No members of the council are available for the suggested training date. Clerk to contact NorthantsCALC and Komplan to enquire on alternative training or dates.
	Finance Payments discussed and approved from agenda appendix. Council agreed to the use of scribe going forward.

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	Bank balances as of 28/09/26 of current and savings accounts where presented to the council as written down due to no wifi to access during the meeting. Agreed to claim VAT refund as per agenda appendix. It was agreed for Clerk to research local grants which the parish will benefit from, and the possibility of a grants/funding committee to be formed.
30.07.162	**Updated Policies** Approved policies: IT Records Retention Equality and Diversity Subject Access.
30.07.163	**Planning Matters** There were no submissions to discuss.
30.07.164	**Local Plans update** Cllr E Mcdonald had no updates to share.
	Highways and Village Maintenance Confirmed, Deene Estate is guardian for Deene defib and Hannah Beswick for Deenethorpe telephone box defib.
	Official reports or correspondence received and previous circulated Council agreed to respond in favour of Lee Barron MP letter regarding communication portal between Parish Councils and NNC.
30.07.165	**Ground Rules Festival** Following the wash up meeting on 17/08/26 the organisers expressed wishes to expand the event. Deene Estate had no update on the event or the application for the event license, despite tickets appearing to be on sale.
30.07.166	**Section 106 Grant Funds** Clerk to research deadline and criteria to bring to next meeting.
30.07.167	**Parishioner Correspondence** Email regarding speed watch group from resident discussed, clerk to response to resident and explain this is on the agenda for next meeting and is regularly discussed.
30.07.168	**North Northamptonshire Rural Grants** Play equipment is now being installed and will be signed off early October. Council discussed arranging a date for the Brudenell family to officially open the play area to the public once complete.

30.07.169	**Tresham Garden Village** No updates
30.07.170	**Compliance** Agreed to keep documents circulated and minutes to be posted on time in the absence of the Clerk. Agreed to be more responsive to Clerk correspondence.
30.07.171	**Photos** Councillors agreed to use of photos on the Parish Council website and will send to the Clerk before next meeting.
30.07.172	**Next meeting** **16th November 2026.**
	Meeting closed at 9:02pm